Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

15.   (Currently Amended) A character information collating correcting apparatus for filing medical image data with ID data, comprising:

an inputting section to input medical image data and
5   character information data including ID data identifying a patient as a data set;

an information memorizing section to memorize a specific character information data;

a comparing section to compare the inputted ID data with the
10   specific character information data; and

an operating section to operate the data set;

wherein when the comparing section judges that the inputted ID data coincides with the specific character information data memorized in the information memorizing section, the operation
15   section holds the inputted ID data until ~~being~~ <u>the inputted ID data is</u> corrected by the operating section.

16.   (Currently Amended) The character collating correcting apparatus of claim 15, wherein the medical image data contains ~~a~~ character image data and the character information data ~~are~~ <u>is</u> obtained from the character image data by ~~a technique of~~ character recognition <u>of the character image data</u>.

17.   (Currently Amended) The character collating correcting apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

a character information search section to conduct a search of a character information ~~data base~~ database based on the

5   inputted character information data;

wherein the ~~a~~ comparing section ~~to compare~~ compares the inputted ~~new~~ character information data with ~~a~~ character information data obtained from the character information ~~data base,~~ database, and the character collating correcting apparatus

10   further comprises a determining section to determine the character information data obtained from the character information database based on a comparison result by the comparing section.

18.   (Currently Amended) The character information collating correcting apparatus of claim 17, wherein when the comparing section judges that the ~~character information~~ inputted ID data coincides with the specific character information data memorized

5   in the information memorizing section, the operation section holds the ~~character information~~ inputted ID data coinciding with the specific character information data until ~~being~~ the inputted ID data is corrected by the operating section without conducting the search of the character information ~~data base~~ database.